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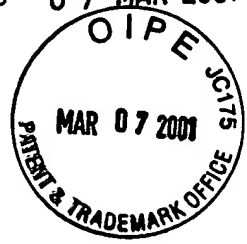
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For BLADES FOR CUTTING MOVING WEBS OF MATERIAL
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1 through 7 without prejudice.

Add the following new claims:

no partial height
method of making
app. claim

- A1 -- 8. A blade for cutting a moving material web with a
2 blade body that has a steel cutting edge, characterized in that at
3 least a surface of the cutting edge is coated by means of a plasma-
4 aided method with foreign ions to a depth between 50 μm and 500 μm .
1 9. The blade defined in claim 8 wherein the depth is
2 between 100 μm and 200 μm .

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